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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Kashmir

(Report #3 - As of 4:00 p.m. EDT)

1. A Pakistani Defense Ministry spokesman has reported that Pakistani forces are driving toward the town of Akhnur 30 miles inside the truce line and about 15 miles northeast of Jammu, the winter capital of Kashmir. Akhnur, the headquarters of the Indian 191st Brigade, sits astride the Indian supply route to Poonch. The spokesman claimed that 150 Indian prisoners were taken plus large quantities of weapons and equipment, including 15 tanks in perfect running order.

2. At a briefing of Western military attachés this morning, a spokesman for the Pakistani Inter-services Intelligence Directorate denied any Pakistani intention of driving through Akhnur to seize the road junction at Jammu. Nevertheless, if the drive is as successful as Rawalpindi claims it to be, Pakistani forces may be tempted to drive on to Jammu and cut India's only road link to the capital city of Srinagar.

3. Spokesmen in New Delhi make no mention of the drive toward Akhnur and continue to claim success in containing Pakistan's advance in the Chhamb area. The Indians do report, however, that fighting is continuing, without specifying exactly where.

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4. Heavy fighting is also reported to be continuing some 30 miles north of the Chhamb along the cease-fire line. The nature of the fighting is not clear, but an Indian spokesman has reported heavy artillery exchanges.

5. The Indians have now identified the four aircraft lost in yesterday's air battle as Canberra jet bombers. New Delhi claims a second aerial engagement has taken place today, in which a Pakistani fighter attack on Indian reconnaissance planes was successfully driven off.

6. Press reports from London state that the British Government has sent messages to both Pakistan and India supporting yesterday's appeal by UN Secretary General U Thant for an immediate cease-fire. Unlike the case of the Rann of Kutch dispute, in which Britain played a key conciliatory role, the British are reported to feel that in this situation diplomatic moves should center on the UN. Thus far, neither Pakistan nor India have responded to the UN's appeal.

7. Three Indian Army platoons are patrolling the city of Poona near Bombay in western India, the scene of yesterday's communal rioting. Though the incidents at Poona are apparently unrelated to the Kashmir situation, the Indian Government is evidently concerned about the possibility that such communal outbreaks will get out of hand in this period of heightened tensions.

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